

## Announcement with illustrations: “Studies on the Lepidoptera Fauna of Artos Mountain (Van Prov., East Turkey)”



Studies on the Lepidoptera Fauna of Artos (Çadır) Mountain in Van Province, East Turkey have been planned by the authors as Cesa Project for the years 2008-2010.

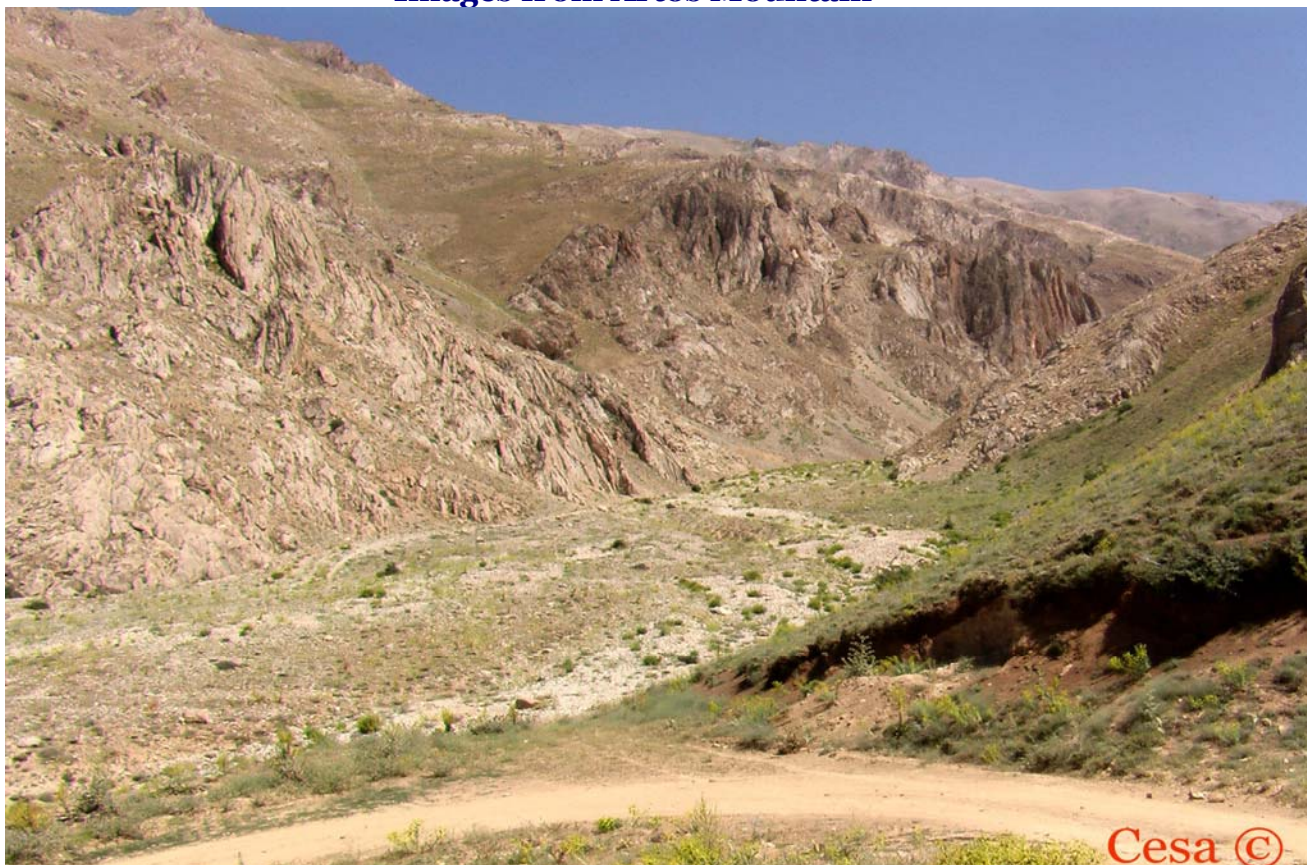
Artos Mountain is located at South of Gevaş city, South of Van Lake and covered currently heavily degraded and overgrazed tragacanthic steppe. The mountain is bordered by the villages and localities İliköy, Abalı, Kızıltaş in the north, Onağıl, Görentaş, and Ardiç vadisi in the east, Aşağınarlıca and Uzuntekne in the south (see map).

Lepidoptera fauna of Artos Mountain has not been studied so far. On 19th July 2008 the authors visited the mountain in order to evaluate the current studying conditions. The following images reflect the heavy

pressure of the grazing, and some remarkable plant and insect species, recorded there. - Ahmet Ömer Koçak & Muhabbet Kemal.



## Images from Artos Mountain



**Fig. 1** - Artos Mountain, 2000m on 19 July 2008 photo M.Kemal (Cesa)



**Fig. 2** - Sheeps and Goats at Artos Mountain, 2400m on 19 July 2008 photo A.Koçak (Cesa)





**Fig. 3** - Sheep and Goats at Artos Mountain, 2400m on 19 July 2008 photo A.Koçak (Cesa)



**Fig. 4** - Author among the Sheep and Goats at Artos Mountain, 2400m on 19 July 2008 photo A.Koçak (Cesa)





**Fig. 5** - Artos Mountain, 2500m on 19 July 2008 photo M.Kemal (Cesa)



**Fig. 6** - Artos Mountain, 2500m on 19 July 2008 photo M.Kemal (Cesa)





**Fig. 7 -** Artos Mountain, 2600m on 19 July 2008 photo M.Kemal (Cesa)



**Fig. 8 -** Artos Mountain, 2600m on 19 July 2008 photo M.Kemal (Cesa)





**Fig. 9** - Artos Mountain, 2600m on 19 July 2008 photo M.Kemal (Cesa)



**Fig. 10** - Scarabaeid Beetles at Artos Mountain, 2600m on 19 July 2008 photo M.Kemal (Cesa)





**Fig. 11** - *Thymus* species (*Lamiaceae*) at Artos Mountain, 2600m on 19 July 2008 photo M.Kemal (Cesa)



**Fig. 12** - *Acantholimon* species at Artos Mountain, 2600m on 19 July 2008 photo M.Kemal (Cesa)





**Fig. 13** - Artos Mountain, 2700m on 19 July 2008 photo M.Kemal (Cesa)



**Fig. 14** – *Campanula* species at Artos Mountain, 2800m on 19 July 2008 photo M.Kemal (Cesa)





**Fig. 15** – A Dragonfly at Artos Mountain, 2800m on 19 July 2008 photo M.Kemal (Cesa)



**Fig. 16** – Males of *Pieris ergane* (Pieridae) sipping mineral water at Artos Mountain, 2000m on 19 July 2008 photo M.Kemal (Cesa)





**Fig. 17** – Males of *Polyommatus* species (*Lycaenidae*) sipping mineral water at Artos Mountain, 2000m on 19 July 2008 photo M.Kemal (Cesa)



**Fig. 18** – Male and female of *Pseudochazara beroe* (*Satyridae*) in copula at Artos Mountain, 2800m on 19 July 2008 photo M.Kemal (Cesa)





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